

## MINUTES

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Washtenaw Technical Middle College/Washtenaw Community College  
Quad Seminar Rooms  
Morris Lawrence Building  
Washtenaw Community College  
4700 East Huron River Drive  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105

November 9, 2004  
9:30 a.m.

Present: Mr. Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman  
Mrs. Kathleen N. Straus, President  
Dr. Herbert S. Moyer, Vice President  
Mrs. Carolyn L. Curtin, Secretary  
Mr. John C. Austin, Treasurer  
Mrs. Marianne Yared McGuire, NASBE Delegate  
Mrs. Elizabeth W. Bauer  
Mr. Reginald M. Turner  
Mrs. Eileen Lappin Weiser (via telephone)  
Ms. Sue Carnell, representing Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, ex officio

Also Present: Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Michigan Teacher of the Year

### **REGULAR MEETING**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

#### II. AGENDA FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Superintendent's Report – Highlights of Activities for October – November 2004
- B. 2004-2005 Title II, Part A(1): State Activities Competitive Grant Program – Continuation
- C. 2004-2005 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2005 – Amendment

#### III. INFORMATIONAL FOLDER ITEMS

- A. Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) Quick Notes – November 2004
- B. Information on Collaborative Efforts Between the Michigan Department of Education's Office of School Improvement and Public School Authorizers

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND ORDER OF PRIORITY

- A. 2004-2005 Great Parents, Great Start Grant Program – Continuation – added to agenda
- B. 2004-2005 State Improvement Grant (SIG) – Initial – added to agenda
- C. 2004-2005 Title II, Part A(1): State Activities Competitive Grant Program – Continuation – added to agenda
- D. 2004-2005 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2005 – Amendment – added to agenda

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the agenda and order of priority, as modified.**

**Ayes: Austin, Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Weiser**  
**Absent: Turner**

**The motion carried.**

V. INTRODUCTION OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS, DEPARTMENT STAFF, AND GUESTS

Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive, introduced the members of the State Board of Education, Department staff, and guests attending the meeting.

VI. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS FROM WASHTENAW TECHNICAL MIDDLE COLLEGE

Mr. Lee Schleicher, Dean of Washtenaw Technical Middle College and Dr. Larry Whitworth, President of Washtenaw Community College, welcomed the Board and guests.

Mr. Schleicher said Washtenaw Technical Middle College is a unique Public School Academy chartered by Washtenaw Community College. He explained that students complete their high school graduation requirements while transitioning to college level courses. He said that one of the requirements is that students obtain a technical certificate or degree prior to graduation from high school.

VII. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Watkins said Eastern Michigan University was recently featured in the *U.S. News and World Report* article “Ultimate Guide to Becoming a Teacher.” He congratulated Dr. Craig D. Willis, Interim President of Eastern Michigan University; Dr. Alane Starko, Interim Dean; and Dr. Jerry Robbins, former Dean, College of Education.

Mr. Austin presented a certificate of congratulations to Eastern Michigan University on being recognized by *U.S. News and World Report* as an outstanding teacher preparation institution.

Dr. Willis said Eastern Michigan University established the first teacher education program west of the Alleghenies, the first bachelor's degree in education in the country in 1897, and was the first school to admit men and women. He thanked the Board for honoring Eastern Michigan University.

#### VIII. RECESS

The Board recessed the Regular Meeting to convene as a Committee of the Whole at 9:50 a.m.

### **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

#### IX. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Watkins called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.

#### X. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Presentation Regarding International Education Programs in Northville Public Schools

The following individual presented:

- Dr. Leonard Rezmierski, Superintendent, Northville Public Schools

B. Update on Intermediate School District Partnership

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent
- Mr. Jay Newman, Superintendent, St. Joseph County Intermediate School District

C. Presentation on the Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant Resources Being Developed for the Web Advocating Strong Standards-based Induction Support for Teachers (ASSIST)

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Flora Jenkins, Director, Office of Professional Preparation Services
- Dr. Catherine Smith, Supervisor, Office of Professional Preparation Services
- Dr. Bonnie Rockafellow, Education Consultant, Office of Professional Preparation Services

D. Discussion Regarding Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten

The following individuals presented:

- Ms. Connie Robinson, Consultant, Office of Early Childhood Education and Family Services
- Dr. Sandra Howe, Project Coordinator, Early Childhood Standards of Quality for Prekindergarten

E. Discussion Regarding Meeting Schedule for 2005

The following individual presented:

- Mrs. Eileen Hamilton, State Board Executive

F. Presentation of Special Education Advisory Committee Annual Report

The following individuals presented:

- Dr. Jacquelyn Thompson, Director, Office of Special Education and Early Intervention Services
- Ms. Patt Clement, Chairperson, Special Education Advisory Committee
- Mr. Larry Simpson, former Chairperson, Special Education Advisory Committee

The following individual offered comments:

- Ms. Darlene Heard-Thomas, Member, Special Education Advisory Committee

XI. RECESS

The Board recessed at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened the Regular Meeting at 1:35 p.m.

**REGULAR MEETING**

Mr. Turner joined the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

XII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Ms. Carolyn Das, 35840 Smithfield Court, Farmington, Michigan 48335. Ms. Das, representing Everyone Together Project, shared comments and written information on universal education.
- B. Mr. Scott Street, 1446 Whittier, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197. Mr. Street, representing Gray Panthers Huron Valley, provided comments on No Child Left Behind.

- C. Ms. Natasha Williams, 8358 Lakeview Drive, Ypsilanti, Michigan 48198. Ms. Williams shared her experiences as a student at Washtenaw Technical Middle College.
- D. Mr. Salim Alchurbaji, 4118 West Pillar Road, Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189. Mr. Alchurbaji, a student at Washtenaw Technical Middle College, provided comments on his educational experience.
- E. Ms. Olivia Cohn, 6036 Seven Mile Road, South Lyon, Michigan 48178. Ms. Cohn spoke about her educational experience at Washtenaw Technical Middle College.
- F. Ms. Natalie Palms, 20415 Bethel Church Road, Manchester, Michigan 48158. Ms. Palms addressed the Board as a student of Washtenaw Technical Middle College.
- G. Ms. Charlotte Brinkman, 8345 Merrill Road, Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189. Ms. Brinkman, a student of Washtenaw Technical Middle College, shared comments about her educational experience at Washtenaw Technical Middle College.
- H. Mrs. Mary T. Wood, 27533 Santa Ana, Warren, Michigan 48093. Ms. Wood shared comments and written materials on Bay Mills Community College and their role as authorizers of public school academies.
- I. Ms. Judy Mardigian, 46092 Barrington, Plymouth, Michigan 48170. Ms. Mardigian, Past President and current Treasurer of the Plymouth Canton School Board, commented on school funding.
- J. Mr. Scott Menzel, 8845 Main Street, Whitmore Lake, Michigan 48189. Mr. Menzel, Superintendent of Whitmore Lake Public Schools, provided comments on an adequacy study regarding funding for public schools.
- K. Mr. Gary Rider, 13957 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Marne, Michigan 49435. Mr. Rider, Superintendent of Brandywine Public Schools, shared comments about adequate funding for public schools.
- L. Mr. Bill Miller, 190 Hogan Street, Centreville, Michigan 49032. Mr. Miller, Superintendent of Centreville Public Schools, provided comments regarding adequate funding for public schools.

XIII. DISCUSSION OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL REFORM TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Ryan Donlan, Superintendent, Bay-Arenac Community High School; Mr. W. Charles Breiner, Superintendent, Howell Public Schools; and Ms. Gail Shenkman, Principal, Dearborn High School; presented Discussion of Michigan Department of Education High School Reform Team Recommendations.

Mr. Donlan said the High School Reform Team Steering Committee, comprised of educators and Department staff, has been meeting since October 2003 to discuss the reform of high school education in Michigan. Mr. Donlan said the group has prepared tentative recommendations in the form of a “white paper” for presentation to the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth. He noted that Mr. Watkins and Mrs. Straus are ex officio members of the Commission, and Mrs. Straus is a member of the Preparation Work Group.

Mr. Donlan said there is an urgent need to reform high schools to ensure that all students reach their maximum potential in rigorous and relevant secondary schools, with supportive relationships therein, so that they are prepared for post-high school experiences and economic independence.

Mr. Austin, who serves as policy director for the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, said the Governor has issued a challenge to double the number of people in Michigan with postsecondary degrees, credentials, and certificates. He said the Lieutenant Governor’s Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth has been convening meetings, work groups, and public hearings and will issue its report in December 2004.

Mr. Austin said the Commission is hearing public testimony that includes poor graduation rates, lack of rigorous curriculum, and a realization that the skills needed for college and work are the same.

Mrs. Straus said she has had the opportunity to visit some very effective alternative education high schools that are making adequate yearly progress. She said students who find a larger school setting challenging, can excel in a smaller setting where staff and students know them on an individual basis.

Mr. Turner said it would be helpful to prioritize actions that can be taken immediately, use existing resources, and will have the highest impact on students, during these times of limited resources. He said this would help the Legislature understand necessary changes, how much the changes will cost, and how they will benefit the economy and society, at the state and federal levels. He said Michigan can be an eloquent example of high standards, reform, and providing resources necessary to achieve the reform.

Mrs. Bauer said the students who spoke during the public participation portion of today’s meeting said choice, responsibility, and rigorous academic standards are motivational. She said the High School Reform Team report supports this thinking.

Mrs. McGuire said the school day needs to be restructured. She said smaller classes, individual attention, and students who want to have jobs at the end of the school day, are all factors to consider.

Dr. Moyer said parent and community involvement are dynamic, key components to educational success.

Mrs. Weiser said she has just been appointed to the committee studying 12th grade assessment as part of the National Assessment Governing Board. She said the High School Reform Team report is in line with the issues that are being discussed at the national level.

Mrs. Curtin said that while year-round education is discussed, it is necessary to allow time for families to spend time together.

Mrs. Straus said one of the highlights of the program at Washtenaw Technical Middle College is that each student has a faculty member who takes an active interest in their life. She said that is valuable in today's society where some students do not have opportunities to have adult mentors in their lives.

Dr. Hughes said the High School Reform Team will meet on December 9, 2004; and Michigan will also be represented on December 2-3, 2004, at a national conference on high school reform sponsored by the United States Department of Education and the International Center for Leadership in Education. Mr. Watkins said Ms. Carnell will represent the Governor's Office at the national conference, and a Board member should also attend the conference to provide continuity.

Dr. Hughes said Michigan has some exemplary high schools and there are plans to host a spring conference highlighting best practices.

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mr. Austin, that the State Board of Education accept the High School Reform Team Report, meld it with the Report of the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, and return to the January Board meeting with recommendations including prioritization and cost.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

#### **XIV. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**

- A. Approval of Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 12, 2004.

**Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Curtin, that the State Board of Education approve the Record of Committee of the Whole and Minutes of Regular Meeting of October 12, 2004.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

## XV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### A. Election Results for State Board of Education Members

Mrs. Straus congratulated Mrs. McGuire on her successful bid for reelection. She said in a close race, it appears that Ms. Nancy Danhof has also won a seat on the Board. Mrs. Straus said she has spoken with Ms. Danhof, who is very knowledgeable regarding educational issues. She thanked Dr. Moyer for his years of service as a member of the Board, and said he will receive a formal farewell and thank you at the December 14, Board meeting.

### B. Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award

Mrs. Straus said the Dorothy Beardmore Service to Education Award was presented to Mr. Jack Davis, a member of the Lansing School Board, at the Lansing School Board's October 21, 2004, meeting. She said Mr. Davis has supported public education and the Lansing community for many years, and was highly recommended for the award by the Lansing mayor, superintendent, teachers, and local school board members.

### C. Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth

Mrs. Straus said the Lieutenant Governor's Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth held a public hearing at Wayne State University on October 18, 2004, and many people testified. She said work groups have been meeting and recommendations will be presented to the full commission on November 12, 2004. She said she continues to participate on the Preparation Work Group addressing K-12 education with emphasis on higher education.

Mrs. Straus said due to time constraints, the remainder of her President's Report will be attached to the minutes as Exhibit A.

## XVI. REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### Reports

#### I. Human Resources Report

#### J. Report on Property Transfers

#### K. Final Report to the Legislature on the State Evaluation of All Students Achieve Program – Parent Involvement and Education (ASAP-PIE) Grants

### Grants

#### L. 2004-2005 English Language Acquisition and Language Enhancement (Preliminary) – Continuation

#### M. 2004-2005 Supplemental Educational Service Providers – Amendment



- N. 2004-05 Title I Accountability/School Improvement – Initial
- O. 2004-2005 Michigan School Readiness Program – Initial (State-Funded Preschool Program for Four Year Olds At Risk of School Failure)
- X. 2004-2005 Great Parents, Great Start Grant Program – Continuation
- Y. 2004-2005 State Improvement Grant (SIG) – Initial
- Z. 2004-2005 Title II, Part A(1): State Activities Competitive Grant Program – Continuation
- AA. 2004-2005 Special Projects Grants Under Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Funding for FY 2005 – Amendment

Mr. Watkins said the “Superintendent’s Report – Highlights of Activities for October – November 2004” is in the agenda folder.

Mr. Watkins said the strategic planning process is delayed, due to the Governor’s new budgetary process – budgeting for results. He said there needs to be a clear alignment between the Governor’s vision, Board’s vision, and the resources that are available.

Mr. Watkins said he vacationed in China during the week of October 17, 2004. He said China is moving ahead with lightening speed, and their economic prosperity is clearly linked to education.

Mr. Watkins distributed “The Road to Success is Filled with Potholes” to illustrate the approximate cost of education funding per student, and the structural budget deficit.

## XVII. REPORT ON MICHIGAN TEACHER OF THE YEAR ACTIVITIES

Mrs. Heidi Capraro, 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year, presented Report on Michigan Teacher of the Year Activities.

At the October 12, 2004, meeting the Board requested that Mrs. Capraro provide a monthly update on Teacher of the Year activities.

Mrs. Capraro said the report lists several of her October activities, and she wrote a detailed paragraph about her visit with Mr. Malin Wagner from the Downriver Technical Consortium in Flat Rock, and Ms. Jamie Saville from the University of Michigan Women in Science and Engineering Program. Mrs. Capraro said she is interested in career-focused partnerships between industry and higher education that can be replicated.

XVII. ADOPTION OF MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2005

**Mrs. Straus moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the 2005 State Board of Education meetings be convened on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exception of the November meeting that will be on November 15, 2005, the third Tuesday.**

**The motion carried unanimously.**

The State Board of Education 2005 Meeting Schedule is attached as Exhibit B.

XIX. REPORT ON HIGH SCHOOL AND DISTRICT REPORT CARDS

Mr. Watkins presented Report on High School and District Report Cards.

Mr. Watkins said he is providing a brief report at this time, and a full report will be presented to the Board at its December meeting.

Mr. Watkins said the high school report cards were released on November 4, 2004. He said the process went smoothly, and included a number of schools that did not receive report cards previously. He said these include center-based special education and alternative education schools. Mr. Watkins said Bay-Arenac Community High School is an example of an alternative school that did make adequate yearly progress. He said this illustrates that although it was a challenge, it can be done.

Mr. Watkins said the initial plan was to release the high school and district report cards at the same time. He said upon review of the state law, there must be an appeal process for schools or districts. He said districts will have until November 18, 2004 to appeal, and the Department will have up to 30 days to respond.

This was a report only, and no action was required.

XX. DISCUSSION REGARDING THE 2005-2006 MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM ASSESSMENT DESIGNS

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Ed Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Michigan Educational Assessment Program; presented Discussion Regarding the 2005-2006 Michigan Educational Assessment Program Assessment Designs.

Dr. Hughes said the information presented to the Board has also been shared with 2,500 educators who attended MEAP fall conferences. He said beginning fall 2005, No Child Left Behind legislation requires the annual assessment of mathematics and English Language Arts in grades 3 through 8. He said science and social studies will also be administered beginning fall 2005, at grade levels pending approval of the next board item on the agenda.

Dr. Roeber said the assessments will provide instructionally relevant data for individual students and classes. He said that was the rationale for moving the spring testing to the fall.

Dr. Roeber said the assessments are longer, because there are more grade level content expectations than benchmarks. He said guidelines for the testing time are also being provided for the first time.

Dr. Moyer asked what response educators provided at the fall MEAP conferences. Dr. Roeber said very few comments were offered.

Mr. Watkins thanked Dr. Hughes, Dr. Roeber, and their staff members for implementing changes that make the MEAP testing more relevant, timely, and useful for teachers.

In response to Ms. Carnell's question about the length of testing time, Dr. Roeber said it is estimated that the proposed tests will take two or three class periods of 45-50 minutes each. He said this would be one hour longer than the current testing for two subjects, and one and one-half hours longer for three subjects.

This was a presentation only, and no action was required.

XXI. APPROVAL OF GRADE LEVELS FOR MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENTS OF SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; and Dr. Ed Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Michigan Educational Assessment Program; presented Approval of Grade Levels for Michigan Educational Assessments of Science and Social Studies.

Dr. Roeber said that earlier this year the State Board of Education deferred a decision regarding what grades would be assessed by the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) in science and social studies. He said the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Advisory Committee discussed and supported the recommendation in May and September, 2004. Local and intermediate school district superintendents and educational organizations were invited to comment, and several comments were received from local educators.

**Mr. Austin moved, seconded by Mrs. McGuire, that the State Board of Education approve the administration of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) Science tests in grades 5 and 8, and the MEAP Social Studies tests in grades 6 and 9, effective fall, 2005, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 25, 2004.**

Mrs. Straus asked if social studies teachers were involved in the recommendation. Dr. Roeber said Dr. J. Kelli Sweet, Executive Director, Michigan Council for the Social Studies, and representative to the Advisory Committee; helped develop the proposal.

The vote was taken on the motion.

**The motion carried unanimously.**

Mr. Austin left the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

**XXII. APPROVAL OF THE OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY PRACTICES FOR EDUCATORS**

Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Chief Academic Officer; Dr. Ed Roeber, Senior Executive Director, Michigan Educational Assessment Program; and Dr. Marjorie Mastie, Washtenaw Intermediate School District; presented Approval of the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Professional Assessment and Accountability Practices for Educators.

Dr. Hughes said the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Professional Assessment and Accountability Practices for Educators is a set of standards that will guide the activities related to assessment and accountability before, during, and after each assessment – MEAP, MI-Access, and the assessment of English Language Learners. Dr. Roeber said Dr. Marjorie Mastie is a member of the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability Advisory Committee and has helped write the document.

**Mrs. Curtin moved, seconded by Mr. Turner, that the State Board of Education approve the Office of Educational Assessment and Accountability (OEAA) Professional Assessment and Accountability Practices for Educators, as attached to the Superintendent’s memorandum dated October 25, 2004, and to disseminate it for the assessments to be administered in the 2004-2005 school year.**

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner, Weiser**  
**Absent: Austin**

**The motion carried.**

**XXIII. UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL LEGISLATION**

Mr. Watkins presented Update on Educational Legislation.

Mr. Watkins shared information on pending leadership positions in the House and Senate, as a result of the November 2, 2004, election.

Mr. Watkins updated the Board on pending high school assessment – ACT (American College Test) legislation.

Mr. Watkins said Senate Bill 1443, regarding amendments changing the current restraint and seclusion of students, was introduced by Senator Tom George. He said after discussions and ongoing meetings of the Supporting Student Behavior: Seclusion/Restraint Referent Group, Senator George decided to defer his legislation until the next session.

Mr. Watkins said he wants the Board to be aware that there are a couple of property transfers involving several students and many parcels that will be brought before him in the next few months by an administrative law judge, and he would welcome the Board's advice.

Mrs. Straus asked Mrs. Hamilton to review past State Board of Education guidelines and/or a checklist for property transfer requests. She said one major feature opposes transfers that would contribute to increased segregation.

Mr. Watkins said House Bill 5065 has been introduced that would enable an intermediate school board to detach territory from one school district and attach the territory to another school district.

Mrs. Straus asked staff to be sure the Board's views on school site plan review are presented to the Legislature.

This was an update only, and no action was required.

#### XXIV. CONSENT AGENDA

V. Approval of Revised Eligibility Criteria for Comprehensive School Reform Grants

W. Approval of State Board of Education Expense Report

**Mr. Turner moved, seconded by Mrs. Bauer, that the State Board of Education approve the consent agenda as follows:**

V. **approve the revised eligibility criteria for Comprehensive School Reform Grants, as described in the Superintendent's memorandum dated October 25, 2004; and**

W. **approve the April 1, 2004 – September 30, 2004 report of State Board of Education expenses, dated October 25, 2004.**

The vote was taken on the motion.

**Ayes: Bauer, Curtin, McGuire, Moyer, Straus, Turner, Weiser**  
**Absent: Austin**

**The motion carried.**

#### XXV. COMMENTS BY STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

A. Adequacy Study – Mrs. Carolyn Curtin

Mrs. Curtin said the Board has heard from several school superintendents and others regarding lack of adequate funding for education. Mr. Watkins said he and staff have been working with organizations regarding strategies and resources for a statewide adequacy study.

B. Public School Academies – Mrs. Kathleen Straus

Mrs. Straus requested the State Superintendent to direct staff to follow up on the written information and comments shared by Mrs. Mary Wood during the Public Participation portion of the November 9, 2004, State Board of Education meeting. She suggested that the Attorney General's Office may also be contacted; and that Mrs. Wood and the Board be notified of the outcome of this issue and all similar issues in the future.

Mr. Watkins directed:

1. Dr. Jeremy Hughes, Dr. Yvonne Caamal Canul, and Mr. Greg Olszta to follow up on the materials and comments provided by Mrs. Wood during the Public Participation portion of the November 9, 2004, State Board of Education meeting;
2. Staff to forward a copy of the report provided by Mrs. Wood's at the November 9, 2004, Board Meeting to Bay Mills Community College;
3. Staff to continue to work with the Attorney General's Office to make sure that the Department is exercising due diligence and is in compliance with the law;
4. Staff to continue to respond to Mrs. Wood in writing, when she shares information and concerns, publicly or privately; and
5. Staff to report to the Board at the next meeting.

XXVI. TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Mr. Watkins said the December 14, 2004, meeting will be held in Lansing.

XXVII. FUTURE MEETING DATES

- A. December 14, 2004
- B. January 11, 2005
- C. February 8, 2005
- D. March 8, 2005
- E. April 12, 2005

XXVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn L. Curtin  
Secretary

**President's Report  
November 9, 2004**

1. Civic Education Press Conference

Mrs. Straus said she participated in a press conference held on October 13, 2004, in the Rotunda of the State Capitol to announce that Michigan is one of a handful of states to receive a grant to promote civic education. Senator Ron Jelinek; Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood; Ms. Linda Start, Michigan Center for Civic Education; Mr. Kyle Caldwell, ConnectMichigan Alliance; several outstanding teachers, and a wonderful student also participated.

2. Title IX Coordinators Training Session

Mrs. Straus participated in the Title IX Coordinators Training Session on October 18, 2004, at Oakland Schools at the request of Ms. Roberta Stanley, Director, Administrative Law and Federal Relations. She said Dr. Vickie L. Markavitch, Superintendent of Oakland Schools, was the keynote speaker.

3. Michigan Council on Economic Education

Mrs. Straus and Ms. Pam Wong, Chief of Staff, attended the Michigan Council on Economic Education 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary luncheon on October 22, 2004, at Michigan State University. Dr. J. Kelli Sweet, Executive Director, Michigan Council for the Social Studies, was honored for her work to support economics education.

4. Civil Rights Commission

Mrs. Straus spoke at the Michigan Civil Rights Commission conference work session on American Indian mascots and logos on October 22, 2004, at Cooley Law School in Lansing.

5. Advanced Placement Scholars Luncheon

Mrs. Straus, Mrs. Curtin, and Dr. Moyer attended the Advanced Placement Scholars Luncheon on October 29, 2004, at Michigan State University. Dr. Moyer spoke on behalf of the State Board of Education.

6. Crystal Apple Award Winner

Mrs. Margaret Holtschlag, former Michigan Teacher of the Year, received the Crystal Apple Award on October 29, 2004, during a dinner at Michigan State University.

7. President's Council of State Universities

Mrs. Straus attended the luncheon at the Detroit Economic Club at Cobo Hall in Detroit on November 8, 2004, at which time the President's Council of State Universities reported to the public.

Michigan  
State Board of Education

Meeting Dates  
2005

January 11, 2005

February 8, 2005

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